THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd. (BBVL) had approached their prospective customers like Atomic Energy Commission, Fertilizer Corporation of India and BHEL for supply of Valve Actuator. While Atomic Energy Commission and Fertilizer Corporation of India reigstered BBVL as possible supplier of Valve Actuator, BHEL advised that BBVL should try to obtain more improved version of technology.

(b) BBVL have approached their foreign collaborator to obtain the latest technology for Valve Actuator.

Steps to introduce Valve Actuator in Production line in BBVC

571. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to introduce the Valve Actuator in production line in Bharat Brakes and Valves Co. Ltd., Calcutta;

(b) whether Government are aware that Rs. 20 lakh were paid to M/s. Juccomatice, France for the training of five engineers and technicians at the Collaborators' workers in France in 1983;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the French Collaborator Company had offered to provide with technical know-how for the production of Valve Actuator and other products till Bharat Brakes and Valves Co. Ltd. acquires the capacity to produce the items;

(d) if so, whether any steps are being taken for its indigenous production; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd. (BBVL) had proposed for a collaboration for the manufacture of Valve Actuator and side by side also approached the possible customers like Atomic Energy Commission, Fertilizer Corporation of India and BHEL. The first two of these customers registered BBVL as their possible supplier. BBVL signed a collaboration agreement with Joucomatic of France for the purpose. While necessary follow-up steps for transfer of technology and manufacture of this item were in progress, improved versions of this technology also appeared in the market. BHEL also advised BBVL to obtain the latest technology in this field. In the meantime, first two instalments of lumpsum payment for transfer of technology including training etc. amounting to Rs. 14.76 lakhs have already been paid to the Collaborator in terms of the collaboration agreement. BBVL are now pursuing with their collaborator for the transfer of latest technology for Valve Actuators.

Task of developing the Valve Actuator, Agricultural Pump and Industrial Valve

572. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Management of Bharat Brakes and Valves Company Limited was entrusted in 1984 with the task of developing the Valve Actuator, Agricultural Pump (V. T. Pump) and Industrial Valve;

(b) if so, whether the said task has been fulfilled for production, marketing and improvement of technology of Valve Actuator; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor in details?

THE MINISTER OF INUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd. (BBVL) had proposed to undertake the manufacture of Agricultural Pumps (V.T. Pumps), Valve Actuators and Industrial Valves in 1979, 1981 and 1982 respectively.

(b) and (c) BBVL have already developed expertise for the manufacture of Agricultural Pumps (V.T. Pumps) and Industrial Valves and have also supplied to the customers. As regards Valve Actuators, they are trying to obtain the latest technology from the foreign collaborator.

Power generation

573. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1213 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 and state:

(a) the total power generation in the country in 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(b) the target set therefor for 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The total energy generation in the country during 1986-87 and 1987-88 was 187.5 billion Units and 21.7 billion Units respectively.

(b) A generation target of 226.5 billion units has been fixed for the year 1988-89.

Price control of bulk drugs

574. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all the imported bulk drugs have been price decontrolled;

(b) if so, names of these bulk drugs which are not produced in the country and are allowed for import under OGL which have been price decontrolled;

(c) how many of these were under price control under DPCO, 1979;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the formulators of these drugs have increased the prices of their finished medicines very high;

(e) if so, whether it is also a fact that the drug companies have to inform the increases before effecting them;

(f) if so, the earlier and present prices, alongwith the percentage increase in each case;

(g) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee even did not consider of the imported bulk drugs for identification; and

(h) if so, what are the names of those drugs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) All bulk drugs in Schedules I and II of DPCO, 1987, irrespective of whether they are produced indigenously or imported, are price controlled.

(b) to (d) and (f) As the number of bulk drugs are formulations involved is quite large, the time and efforts required for collection of these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(g) and (h) The Kelkar Committee recommended the names of the drugs for price control by applying the exclusion criteria.

Concessions for STD calls

575. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether the concessions given earlier for the S.T.D. and Trunk calls bet-